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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: **Li How Chen et al.**

Art Unit No.: **1632**

Application No.: **10/082,018**

Examiner: **Peter Paras Jr.**

Filed: **February 20, 2002**

For: **NOVEL MODIFIED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND METHODS FOR
INCREASING mRNA LEVELS & PROTEIN EXPRESSION IN CELL
SYSTEMS**

Attorney Docket Number: **GTC-39C**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004, a Petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. With the filing of a Petition for a three-month extension of time, this Amendment is being timely filed. Please also note the Declaration filed from one of the inventors filed herewith. Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application pursuant to Rule 1.116 as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited on September 10 2004 with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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